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(C) We raised reftel points with MFA's Head of Human Rights Directorate, Ivailo Ivanov, on April 13. Ivanov promised to pass the request to the relevant agencies but declined to predict the government's answer. He said he wasn't aware of any expatriate communities in Bulgaria of same nationalities as the detainees. DCM raised reftel points with Prime Minister's Foreign Policy Advisor Valentin Radomirski on March 23. Radomirski said he would review the question, but remained noncommittal on accepting the detainees. BEYRLE